

A PICNIC IN OCTOBER

Picnics are usually held in the summer. Why did Grandpa and Grandma choose October when it's chilly for this special family outing? Pack a lunch, sit down, and read all about why October is such a special time for this family.

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As you look at the themes in this book, you may think they're a little "mature" for your child. It's always important and fun to talk about your family background and history. The more a child knows about themselves, their self esteem is sure to grow. Tony, the little boy in this book, got the opportunity to learn more about his family and the importance of respecting people's feelings. He learned an important lesson while having a picnic in October.

Whether your family came from Europe, Asia, or Africa, go to the library and find a map to show your child where their family came from. It's a great geography lesson plus a trip to the library is always fun.

This book can also introduce your child to the Statue of Liberty, what it stands for and what patriotism is all about. The statue was dedicated on October 28, 1886. Tell your child how many families have celebrated the opportunity to come to a country where freedom is so valued. For more information about the Statue of Liberty, visit:

<http://www.nps.gov/stli/>